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FOR: STATE CU/ARTS PETER SOLMSEN, CU/WE RICHARD STRAUS;
PARIS CAO

1) REFERENCE EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE ARNDT/SILMSEN ON ITALIAN REQUEST TO BRING MAX ERNST EXHIBIT TO ROME AFTER PARIS SHOWING UNDER TRIPLE AUSPICES FRANCE, GERMANY, US BECAUSE MULTINATIONAL BACKGROUND ERNST, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFORMAL REQUEST FROM FRENCH EMBASSY.

2) FRENCH EMBASSY ASKED BY PARIS TO ASCERTAIN CERTAIN DETAILS OF COST OF SUCH A VENTURE, LEADING FRENCH EMBASSY TO CONCLUDE PARIS INTERESTED IN IDEA. THIS COUPLED WITH EARLIER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM GERMAN EMBASSY LEADS TO NEED TO GIVE THIS POSSIBILITY INCREASED IMPORTANCE. HAVE RESISTED CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT THIS DISCUSSION, BUT IN LIGHT FRENCH AND GERMAN INTEREST, BELIEVE THIS MATTER MUST BE VIEWED IN MORE FAVORABLY.

3) SPECIFICALLY PARIS WISHES TO KNOW APPROXIMATE COST OF TRANSPORT AND INSURANCE INVOLVED IN BRINGING ERNST SHOW TO ROME.

4) SUGGEST CONTACT DR. THOMAS M. MESSER, DIRECTOR OF THE GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM, TO GET APPROXIMATE COST FIGURES FOR HYPOTHETICAL ROME EXTENSION. SINCE ITALIANS AND FRENCH PRESSING,
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